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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Richard D. Simon and Richard H. Wilson for a GRAVITY FLOW SLUDGE LOAD-OUT SYSTEM.

Enclosed are the following:

Specification and Claims (13 pages);

Drawings (2 sheets, informal);

Declaration and Power of Attorney;

Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (Independent Inventor); and

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